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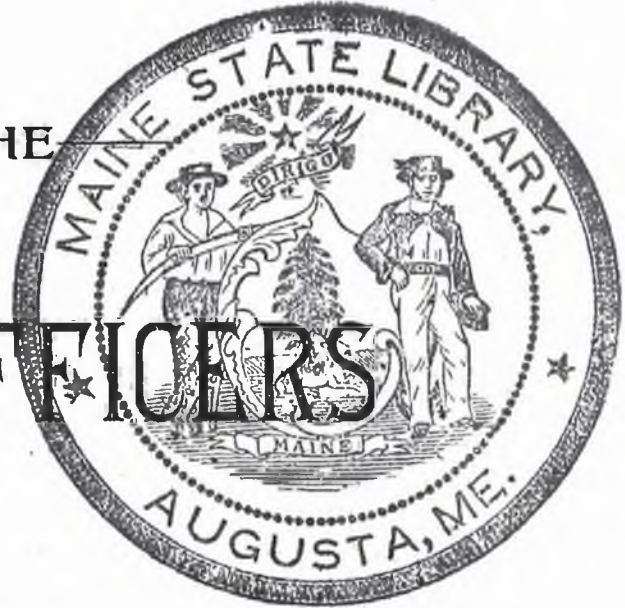
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ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS



—OF THE TOWN OF—

ISLAND FALLS, MAINE

For the Year Ending March 31,
1905

ISLAND FALLS, MAINE
GEO. H. DONHAM, PRINTER.
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Report of Selectmen, Assessors, Etc.

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$134,915,00	
" of non-resident real estate,	57,203,00	
Total,		\$192,118,00
Personal estate, resident,	\$65,044,00	
" " non-resident,	37,590,00	
Total,		\$102,634,00
Grand total valuation,		\$294,752,00

The personal property was made up as follows:

183 Horses,	Valued	\$6,595,00	
90 Colts, 3 to 4 yrs.,	"	340,00	
14 Colts, 2 to 3 yrs.,	"	400,00	
10 Colts, 1 year,	"	205,00	
153 Cows,	"	2,620,00	
3 Oxen,	"	110,00	
8 3-year-olds,	"	141,00	
16 2-year-olds,	"	206,00	
33 1-year-olds,	"	238,00	
393 Sheep,	"	1,016,00	
45 Swine,	"	248,00	\$12,119,00
Railroad Bonds,	- - -	\$10,000	
Money at Interest,	- - -	10,250	
Stock in Trade,	- - - -	21,325	
Logs and Lumber,	- - -	15,910	
Wood and Bark,	- - - -	31,150	
Bicycles,	- - - -	,020	
Carriages, (56)	- - - -	1,295	
Musical Instruments, (23)	- - -	,565	90,515,00
Total amount of Personal Estate,			\$102,634,00

Number of Polls, 361. Tax on each Poll, \$3.00

Rate of Taxation, 3 cents on One Dollar.

The following amounts have been assessed upon the polls and estates of residents of Island Falls, and upon estates, real and personal therein, of non-resident owners, with an overlay of \$199,14.

Lists of the same we committed to A. B. Merriman, Collector of said town, with a warrant in due form of law for collecting and paying the same to S. C. Spratt, town Treasurer, or his successor in of-

five, one-half on or before the first day of September, and one-half on or before the 15th day of March, A. D. 1905.

For Roads and Bridges,	- -	\$900,00	
Support of Poor,	- -	600,00	
Town Expenses,	- - -	800,00	
Common Schools,	- - -	950,00	
Free High School,	- - -	400,00	
Text-Books,	- - -	200,00	
Repairs of Schoolhouses,	-	75,00	
Insurance, etc.,	- - -	100,00	
Principal of Town Debt,	-	3,774,22	
Memorial Day,	- -	60,00	
Interest on Town Debt,	- -	400,00	
Abatement of Taxes,	- -	81,00	
Cemetery,	- - -	20,00	
Fire Escape,	- - -	100,00	
State Tax,	- - -	704,79	
County Tax,	- - -	561,41	
Overlay,	- - -	199,14	
Supplementary Tax,	- -	24,00	
Total amount committed,			\$9,949,56

COMMON SCHOOLS

Amount unexpended last year,	\$165,96	
Received from int. on School Fund,	144,00	
Raised by vote of town,	950,00	
Received from State,	1,326,46	
Tuition,	61,04	\$2,647,46
Cr.		
By paid Teachers' wages	\$2034,35	
Janitors	157,74	
Wood	254,08	
Transporting scholars	153,00	
Board of teachers	15,00	
		\$2614,17
Balance unexpended		33,29

TEXT BOOKS

Amount raised by vote of town,	\$200,00	\$200,00
Credit:—		
By amount overdrawn	\$44,38	
Orders drawn by Supt. of Schools,	162,36	
		<u>\$205,74</u>
Amount overdrawn,		\$5,74

INSURANCE APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES

Amount raised by vote of town,	\$100,00	\$100,00
Credit:—		
By amount overdrawn,	\$4,62	
Orders drawn by Supt. of Schools,	61,29	
		<u>\$65,91</u>
Amount unexpended,		\$34,09

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS

Amount unexpended from last year,	\$12,13	
Raised by vote of town,	75,00	
Received from old blackboard,	3,00	
		\$90,13
Credit:—		
By orders drawn by Supt. of Schools,		<u>37,18</u>
Balance unexpended,		\$52,95

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$400,00	
Received from State,	250,00	
Received from tuition,	99,96	
		\$749,96
Credit:—		
By amount overdrawn,	\$36,75	
Orders drawn by Supt. of schools,	649,10	
		<u>\$685,85</u>
Unexpended,		\$64,11

FIRE ESCAPE

To amount raised by vote of town,		\$100,00
Credit:—		
By paid Adams Perry,	\$4,90	
Berry Bros,	5,20	
Alexander & James,	8,25	
A. B. Merriman,	14,20	
		<u>\$32,55</u>
Balance unexpended,		\$67,45

SMALL POX CASE

By paid Floren Murchie,	\$12,50	
M. A. Peters,	31,60	
Stephen Thorn,	6,00	
M. D. Estes,	2,20	
Houlton Furniture Co,	13,00	
Delmont Emerson,	20,38	
Island Falls Mill Co,	21,20	
C. M. Berry,	5,34	
F. F. Bigelow,	21,90	
F. W. Mitchell,	55,00	
G. B. Moran,	4,00	
S. C. Spratt,	1,50	
		\$194,62

CEMETERY

Amount unexpended,	\$9,25	
Raised by town,	20,00	
		\$29,25
Credit:—		
By paid M. A. Peters,	\$29,40	
W. P. Gellerson,	11,00	
		<u>\$40,40</u>
Overdrawn,		\$11,15

PAUPER

To amount unexpended from last year,	\$69,23	
Raised by vote of town,	600,00	\$669,23
Credit:—		
By paid J. D. Clifford,	\$600,00	
J. C. & B. C. Walker for town of		
Sherman,	120,00	
Mark A. Peters,	5,00	
S. C. Spratt,	18,00	\$743,00
Amount overdrawn,		\$73,77
Received from town of Sherman the above amount of \$120,00 and there is due from J. D. Clifford two items amounting to \$23,00.		

MEMORIAL DAY

To amount raised by vote of town,	\$60,00
Unexpended,	60,00

ROADS AND BRIDGES

To Balance unexpended from last year,	\$43,93	
To " " " " "		
Winter roads	119,90	
Amount raised by vote of town,	900,00	\$1063,83
Credit:—		
Paid for labor of C. O. Donham,	\$118,50	
H. L. Emerson,	7,95	
Frank Coburn,	6,75	
G. H. Donham, Jr.,	42,55	
M. A. Peters,	3,00	
Chas. Dwyer,	5,00	
John Cathleen,	3,00	
Frank Martin,	2,55	
Geo. Megquier,	27,75	
John Ryan,	65,62	

Harry Toner,	22,95
David McFarlin,	7,82
Walter McFarlin,	18,12
Emery Dow,	5,57
Melzar Sprague,	11,57
Will Ryan,	23,57
Will Pelkey,	2,00
Alfred McGowan,	4,00
Tom Donham,	12,35
B. M. Bell,	7,44
Berry Bros.	15,47
C. B. Walker,	13,75
D. J. Edwards,	5,25
Arthur Hussey,	25,00
James Stevens,	2,00
Arthur Moore,	71,00
Geo. Garnett,	6,75
Matta. Lumber Co.,	10,96
Clyde Drew,	8,75
W. G. Fenderson,	5,75
Chas. Small,	4,12
C. L. Pettengill,	.50
Delmont Emerson,	14,74
W. W. Sewall,	28,12
I. F. Mill Co.,	110,58
C. M. Berry,	2,80
E. E. Morse,	2,00

\$726,60

WINTER ROADS

C. O. Donham,	\$116,00
G. H. Donham, Jr.,	50,00
Alfred Kerr,	2,00
M. J. Whelan,	14,00
H. C. Kelley,	2,00
Arthur Hussey,	21,00
W. H. Dow,	24,25,

Walter Small,	2,50	
A. B. Drew,	3,75	
T. Walker,	1,50	
B. C. Perry,	10,50	
C. B. Walker,	18,75	
W. G. Fenderson,	14,75	
D. J. Edwards,	2,75	
		\$283,75
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$53,48</u>

TOWN EXPENSES

To amount unexpended from last year,	\$69,72	
Raised by vote of town,	800,00	
		\$869,72
By paid C. O. Donham for constable,	\$3,00	
" Selectman,	58,00	
Loring Short & Harmon, books,	7,00	
C. M. Conant, Road machine repairs,	8,50	
Cyrus Penny, scaling bark,	3,00	
C. A. Austin, pump,	12,75	
F. W. Mitchell, vaccinations,	60,75	
F. F. Bigelow, "	60,75	
John A. Berg, right of way,	8,00	
W. S. Hagar, ballot clerk,	4,00	
S. R. Crabtree, materials for B. of H.,	32,45	
S. R. Crabtree, Supt. of Schools,	75,00	
C. L. Pettengill, rent of Hall,	16,00	
B. C. Walker, ballot clerk,	4,00	
Berry Bros., snow plow and repairs,	37,00	
" " repairs on pump,	35	
Hillman & McGraw, repairs on pump,	4,60	
C. A. Austin, repairs on pump,	5,00	
A. D. Perry, truant officer,	1,50	
Teams for Supt. of Schools,	4,75	
M. A. Peters, sexton,	26,30	
Geo. H. Donham, services as Town		

	Clerk,	16,00
"	reports births and deaths,	23,40
F. F. Bigelow,	" " "	6-25
F. W. Mitchell,	" " "	11,00
B. R. Walker,	services as Selectman,	77,00
Seth T. Campbell,	" " "	100,00
"	" in liquor prose-	
	cutions,	10,00
Mark A. Peters,	repairs on road ma-	
	chine,	,50
S. C. Spratt,	services as Town Treasurer,	
		75,00
E. A. Buck,	agt., rent of office,	48,00
Geo. H. Donham,	printing and paper,	19,00
E. E. Morse,	Auditor,	5,00

\$823,85

Amount unexpended,

\$45,87

INTEREST

Amt. unexpended,	8,95
" raised by vote of town,	400,00

408,95

Credit:

By paid F. S. Dolliff,	154,30
E. T. & B'k'g Co.,	75,00
Zophar Bither,	73,17
School fund,	144,00

\$446,47

Amt. overdrawn,

\$37,52

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

A. B. Merriman,		
Amt. committed,		\$9952,56
Cr.		
Treasurers' Receipts,	\$9554,46	
Com.	398,10	
		\$9952,56

S. C. SPRATT, Treasurer,

In acct. with Town of Island Falls, Dr.

To Balance from last year,	\$1825,22	
Amt. received from A. B. Merriman,	9554,39	
“ “ “ M. J. Whelan, hotel license.	1,00	
“ “ “ State High School,	116,10	
“ “ “ “ Powers pension,	36,00	
“ “ “ Selectmen for old school house,	300,00	
“ “ “ G. H. Donham, dog tax,	27,00	
“ “ “ State Mill Tax,	1326,46	
“ “ “ School Tuition,	153,24	
“ “ “ B. C. Walker, use of scraper,	5,00	
“ “ “ Town of Sherman, care of		
King & Bishop,	120,00	
“ “ “ State High School,	192,37	
“ “ “ Bounty on Porcupine,	36,00	
		\$13692,78
Credit:		
Paid Selectmen's Orders,	\$7130,46	
Interest on orders,	215,54	
State Tax,	745,71	
County Tax,	500,00	
Zophar Bither,	740,00	
J. S. Dolliff,	1000,00	
Powers pension, 1904	36,00	
Bounty on Porcupine,	36,00	
		\$10403,71
		\$3289,07

LIABILITIES

Orders outstanding	1897,	\$105,90	
	1900	18,50	
	1901,	,75	
	1902,	6,10	
	1903,	569,00	
	1904,	706,92	
James S. Dolliff, notes,		1736,00	
Eastern Trust & B'k'g Co.,		1000,00	
Due on connty tax,		728,07	
School fund,		1945,00	⁶ \$8,816,24

RESOURCES

Cash on hand,		\$3289,07
Debt,		³ \$527,17
Due from M. A. Peters,	163,20	
“ “ L. H. May,	\$76,96	

The two notes, one held by James S. Dolliff and one by Eastern Trust and Banking Co., not being due the holders refused to take the money, hence they are not paid.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJ. R. WALKER,	}	SELECTMEN.
SETH T. CAMPBELL,		
CHAS. O. DONHAM.		

Report of School Board.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Raised by taxation,	\$400,00	
Received from State,	250,00	
" " tuition,	99,96	
		\$749,96
Expenditures:—		
Paid G. H. Harmon, salary,	\$649,10	
Overexpended in 1903-4	36,75	
		\$685,85
Balance unexpended,		\$64,11

COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance unexpended in 1903,-4	\$165,96	
Raised by taxation,	950,00	
Received from tuition,	61,04	
" " State,	1326,46	
" " Interest,	144,00	\$2,647,46
Expenditures:—		
Jas. H. Howard, wood,	\$96,75	
Walter Small, " "	21,25	
Matta. Lumber Co., " "	7,78	
F. M. Sherman, " "	27,50	
J. A. Grant, " "	23,30	
R. H. Howard, " "	10,00	
S. B. Perry, " "	13,00	
Berry Bros, " "	4,00	
Lester A. Barker, Janitor,	35,00	
Fred Hillman, " "	93,00	
Vanus Small, " "	10,50	
Rollie Wilkins, " "	5,00	
S. R. Crabtree, wood, &c.,	14,24	
J. D. Clifford, transporting scholars	153,00	
Clyde & A. B. Drew, wood,	50,00	
Nellie R. Carroll, Teacher,	\$63,00	
Sadie Curtis, " "	72,00	
Luvie D. Hackett, " "	442,00	

Annie B. Houston, “	40,00	
Damaris Merriman, “	298,00	
Angie L. Purinton, “	96,00	
Alice E. Brown, “	275,00	
Louise Cox, “	220,00	
Nellie M. Reed, “	100,00	
Delia Drew, “	145,00	
Bertha Wheaton, “	233,35	
Day Curtis, “	50,00	
E. E. Morse, board of teachers,	15,00	
		\$2,614,17
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$33,29</u>

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Raised by taxation,		\$200,00
Expenditures:—		
Overexpended in 1903-4,	\$44,38	
Howard & Brown, diplomas,	3,11	
American Book Co., books,	14,00	
Thompson Brown & Co., “	19,20	
Ginn & Co., “	31,06	
E. E. Babb & Co., “	93,99	
		\$205,74
Overexpended,		<u>\$5,74</u>

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Raised by taxation,	\$75,00	
Received for old blackboards,	3,00	
Unexpended in 1903-4,	12,13	
		\$90,13
Expenditures:—		
Paid A. B. Merriman,	\$5,90	
Alexander & James,	5,28	
S. R. Crabtree,	12,32	
C. M. Berry,	13,68	
		\$37,18
Unexpended,		<u>52,95</u>

INSURANCE APPARATUS & SUPPLIES

Raised by taxation, \$100,00

Expenditures:—

Overexpended in 1903-4,	\$4,62	
S. R. Crabtree, insurance,	24,00	
L. E. Knott App. Co.,	14,57	
Delmont Emerson, supplies,	13,99	
S. R. Crabtree, “	5,38	
G. H. Donham, “	3,15	
		\$65,91
Balance unexpended,		34,09

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the following sums be raised for 1905-6.

For Free High School,	\$350,00
“ Common Schools,	1000,00
“ Text Books,	175,00
“ Repairs,	25,00
“ Insurance, Apparatus, Etc.,	225,00

We also recommend that the town purchase a suitable vehicle for transporting scholars from the L. H. May district.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

No. of scholars in town, April 1, 1904, 477.

“ “ “ attending school not including those attending less than 2 weeks, 325.

Average number attending, 269.

Percentage of average attendance to total number enrolled, 83

No. of schools in town, 8; village 5, rural 3.

“ “ teachers employed, 9; male, 2, female, 7.

Average weekly salary paid common school teachers, including board, \$9,00

Average yearly cost per pupil in public schools, \$14,84.

No of scholars transported from May district, 13.

“ “ visits by Supt., 57.

“ “ “ “ citizens and others, 171.

“ “ weeks in High and Grammar school year, 34.

“ “ “ other schools, 30.

Total amount collected for tuition, \$161.00.

	No. of scholars Registered.			Average Attendance		
	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter
High	47	43	34	38	34	30
Grammar	40	40	45	35	36	41
Intermediate	43	60	60	40	52	52
Primary	57	54	50	50	46	43
Sub-Primary	41	51	42	38	43	34
Barker Ridge	24	30	12	19	24	8
Wing	25	25	15	21	19	13

The general school work has progressed evenly during the past year, there being no serious interruptions from contagious diseases &c., as in many previous years.

The attendance in the rural schools decreased somewhat, while the attendance in the village schools increased.

The number of scholars transported from the May district was greater than in past years and the prospect is that next year there will be from 15 to 20 to transport.

As the parents there prefer that their children attend the village schools, we have recommended that the town purchase a suitable vehicle for conveying scholars from that neighborhood.

Provision has been made as in the past two years for schooling the children of the "Hurricane" in Mr. Garnett's house.

Mr. Day Curtis was employed and is now conducting a ten weeks term there.

The first branch of the School Improvement League of Maine to be formed in town, and one of the first in the county, was organized in the intermediate school last spring by Miss Purinton, and during her connection with the League, funds were raised and the walls of the intermediate room tinted and otherwise decorated, making it a very pleasant room.

The League work has been continued this year by Miss Cox.

Miss Merriman recently had the walls of the High School recitation room tinted and a border put on, similar to the work in the intermediate room, and last fall Miss Hackett purchased a large clock for the Grammar room, so that, with the decorations contributed to the other rooms in the building by pupils and teachers, the several

rooms now present a cozy and home-like appearance.

Various additions and improvements have been made to the gymnasium by the Athletic Association which have added to the usefulness of this department.

The new course of study has been in use this year and is proving satisfactory; copies will be printed for distribution before the opening of another school year.

The amount of tuition collected has been much larger than in former years and there is yet due from the town of Oakfield \$23,33 and several smaller amounts from individuals.

The average attendance in all the schools has been very good as indicated by the percentage noted in the statistics.

A class of two will graduate from the High School this spring, and a class of 12 or 13 from the Grammar School: the latter class will be the first to complete the common school work in the Grammar room.

The class has been under Miss Hackett's instruction for the past six years, in the intermediate and grammar schools, and the average rank attained throughout speaks well for pupils and teacher alike.

The several teachers have labored faithfully in their respective schools, and while the large number of scholars in the three lowest grades in the village have made it impossible for the teachers to do their best work or to give as much individual instruction as should be given, the various grades will be able to complete their assigned work in a generally satisfactory manner.

Our High School has been able to furnish several teachers for rural schools in our own and neighboring towns, and the demand is increasing from year to year, indicating that the preparation we give students in our High School compares favorably with that given in other preparatory schools in the county.

The Supt. and School Board desire to thank the citizens for their support in school matters and for the suggestions and kindly criticisms offered.

S. R. Crabtree.

Supt.

Rev. W. Paul Curtis,	}	School Board.
Jas. D. Clifford,		

